

# June 28 Soo Locks First Day

## Alberta, Saskatchewan 50th Anniversaries Marked With 5c Stamp; Covers Serviced

The 50th anniversaries of two Canadian provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan, are going to be celebrated in various ways this year, one of which will be the release of a 5c commemorative dedicated to both. The acting Canadian Postmaster General, J. W. Pickersgill, advised that the first day of issue will be June 30 and that it will be possible for collectors to obtain first day covers of the new issue, and mint copies of it at face value. The stamp pays tribute to the thousands of pioneers who settled the two provinces and contributed to a splendid record of progress and achievement.

It was designed by Laurence Hyde of Ottawa. The format will be horizontal, measuring 1½" x 1" and blue in color. Engraving will be done by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ottawa, and will be issued to postmasters in panes of 50 stamps each.



Principal Canadian post offices will have the new item for sale on June 30. Orders for this stamp

## Innovation With New Swedish Commems

A first as far as Swedish stamps are concerned is the set of two released June 6 for the Day of the Swedish Flag, an annual national holiday. They are printed in more than one color.



A 10 ore is in green, yellow and blue, and a 150 in red, yellow and blue. The last two colors are those of the flag.

According to Martin Bostrom, Hertzig Karlsalle 59B, Orebro, Sweden Olle Olsson was the designer. Printing is the work of the Esselte Co. in sheets of 50 stamps.

## Release On Opening Day Of Soo Centennial Exposition At Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced that the special 3c stamp to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Soo Locks will be first placed on sale at Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., on June 28, the opening day of the Soo Locks Centennial Exposition.

The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimension, arranged horizontally, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of fifty. The color of the stamp will be announced later. The printing of 110,000,000 Soo Locks commemorative stamps has been authorized.

The overall design is a map arrangement of the Great Lakes against a scenic background comprised of sky, water, and a lake steamer under way. Each lake carries its name in a dark modified Roman. Though enlarged in proportion to the map area, a steamer afloat in the Soo Locks is shown in the general location of the Locks.

The denomination "3c" in dark Gothic appears in the upper left corner. Arranged in three lines and located in the upper right portion of the stamp is the word "Soo Locks, 1855 Sault Sainte Marie, 1955," in dark Gothic. In the upper right corner is the lettering "U.S." arranged horizontally with the word "Postage," arranged vertically, immediately below.

Arranged in two lines at the bottom of the stamp appears "A Century of (in white face Gothic) Great Lakes Transportation" (in dark modified Gothic).

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a reasonable number of addressed envelopes to the

Postmaster at Sault Sainte Marie, Mich. with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers."

This canal system on the St. Marys River now consists of four locks on the American side and one on the Canadian. While the United States opened the first ship-size locks on June 18, 1855, there had been one on the Canadian side of 38 feet in length which was used for canoes and bateaux.

The latter was built by the Northwest Fur Co., in 1797 and 1798 in an attempt to steal a march on its rivals, the Hudson Bay Co. It was but 38 feet long, 8 feet nine inches wide, and had

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Orders for the new stamp only will be given preference over mixed orders for both the new and other issues.

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FOR THE SOO LOCKS CENTENNIAL is this 3c stamp which will be released June 28 at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The date coincides with opening of an exposition there devoted to displaying the industries, recreation and commerce of the Great Lakes region. A printing of 110 million copies will be made in panes of 50 stamps.

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★ C1-6 (1896 Officials-Cat. \$17.25) 8.00		★ 48 (Scott \$48.00) 4.00		★ 65 (Cat. \$15.00-Top Value) 3.00		★ B54-60 (Scott \$18.35 Complete) 3.75		★ 10.12-13 (Cat. \$53.00) 7.00	
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★ 5 (Scott \$9.00-1847) 2.75		★ 52 (Scott \$52.00) 4.00		★ 69 (Cat. \$15.00-Top Value) 3.00		★ B54-60 (Scott \$18.35 Complete) 3.75		★ 10.12-13 (Cat. \$53.00) 7.00	
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★ 5 (Scott \$9.00-1847) 2.75		★ 58 (Scott \$58.00) 4.00		★ 75 (Cat. \$15.00-Top Value) 3.00		★ B54-60 (Scott \$18.35 Complete) 3.75		★ 10.12-13 (Cat. \$53.00) 7.00	
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★ 5 (Scott \$9.00-1847) 2.75		★ 78 (Scott \$78.00) 4.00		★ 95 (Cat. \$15.00-Top Value) 3.00		★ B54-60 (Scott \$18.35 Complete) 3.75		★ 10.12-13 (Cat. \$53.00) 7.00	
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## June 28 Soo Locks First Day

### Alberta, Saskatchewan 50th Anniversaries Marked With 5c Stamp; Covers Serviced

The 50th anniversaries of two Canadian provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan, are going to be celebrated in various ways this year, one of which will be with the release of a 5c commemorative dedicated to both. The acting Canadian Postmaster General, J. W. Pickersgill, advised that the first day of issue will be June 30 and that it will be possible for collectors to obtain first day covers of the new issue, and mint copies of it at face value. The stamp pays tribute to the thousands of pioneers who settled the two provinces and contributed to a splendid record of progress and achievement.

It was designed by Laurence Hyde of Ottawa. The format will be horizontal, measuring 1½" x 1" and blue in color. Engraving will be done by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ottawa, and will be issued to postmasters in panes of 50 stamps each.



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A first as far as Swedish stamps are concerned is the set of two released June 6 for the Day of the Swedish Flag, an annual national holiday. They are printed in more than one color.



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According to Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karlsalle 59B, Orebro, Sweden Olle Olsson was the designer. Printing is the work of the Esselte Co. in sheets of 50 stamps.

in selected mint condition may now be sent to the Philatelic Section, Financial Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa 4, Ontario. The orders will be filled and returned at the earliest possible date.

Orders for the new stamp only will be given preference over mixed orders for both the new and other issues.

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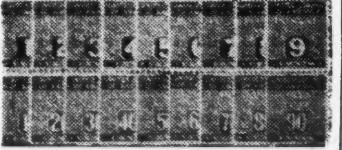
FOR THE SOO LOCKS CENTENNIAL is this 3c stamp which will be released June 28 at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The date coincides with opening of an exposition there devoted to displaying the industries, recreation and commerce of the Great Lakes region. A printing of 110 million copies will be made in panes of 50 stamps.

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Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced that the special 3c stamp to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Soo Locks will be first placed on sale at Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., on June 28, the opening day of the Soo Locks Centennial Exposition.

The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimension, arranged horizontally, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of fifty. The color of the stamp will be announced later. The printing of 110,000,000 Soo Locks commemorative stamps has been authorized.

The overall design is a map arrangement of the Great Lakes against a scenic background comprised of sky, water, and a lake steamer under way. Each lake carries its name in a dark modified Roman. Though enlarged in proportion to the map area, a steamer afloat in the Soo Locks is shown in the general location of the Locks.

The denomination "3c" in dark Gothic appears in the upper left corner. Arranged in three lines and located in the upper right portion of the stamp is the wording "Soo Locks, 1855 Sault Sainte Marie, 1955," in dark Gothic. In the upper right corner is the lettering "U.S." arranged horizontally with the word "Postage" arranged vertically, immediately below.

Arranged in two lines at the bottom of the stamp appears "A Century of (in white face Gothic) Great Lakes Transportation" (in dark modified Gothic).

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a reasonable number of addressed envelopes to the

Postmaster at Sault Sainte Marie, Mich. with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers".

This canal system on the St. Marys River now consists of four locks on the American side and one on the Canadian. While the United States opened the first ship-size locks on June 18, 1855, there had been one on the Canadian side of 38 feet in length which was used for canoes and bateaux.

The latter was built by the Northwest Fur Co., in 1797 and 1798 in an attempt to steal a march on its rivals, the Hudson Bay Co. It was but 38 feet long, 8 feet nine inches wide, and had

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The Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C. is the main office which attempts to stock commemorative issues in all numbers and in all positions, as well centered as possible. Most commemoratives are of the large 3c variety and 50 to the sheet.

In these cases the ruling at the Philatelic Agency is that you are obliged to buy a full sheet in order to obtain each plate number and position. The same ruling is generally followed in other post offices where there is a philatelic window for the benefit of stamp collectors and dealers.

It can be stated that only a reasonable percentage of stamp collectors try to obtain their plate blocks through post offices. Many more, I believe, obtain their plate blocks through stamp dealers. The question arises, where and how stamp dealers obtain plate blocks of every new issue.

Aside from post offices, where dealers too are obliged to buy full sheets, different people manage to obtain quantities from 25 to several hundred plate blocks at a time, for sale to stamp dealers. Just how they obtain the plate blocks is not important.

As an alternative to buying full sheets, well selected for centering, with the heavy outlay that is required in the purchase of many sheets and the subsequent disposition of the balance of the sheet after the plate block has been removed, plate block stamp dealers will gladly pay a price ranging from 13c to 16c for a 3c plate block, providing of course (and this is important) that these are supplied immediately after the new issue comes out.

The people who supply these plate blocks to dealers may not be dealing with stamps regularly, much less with plate blocks, but they do take advantage at the right moment and come up with the material when it is most in demand. As the weeks go by the demand decreases and the premium falls, in proportion to their desirability among collectors and dealers.

The person who has established various contacts here and there to obtain many plate blocks of every new issue as it comes out is about the only one who plays the temporary role of a wholesaler or distributor, if he is alert and on the spot when every new stamp comes out.

Truthfully, the couple pennies he makes per plate block is a fair and nominal compensation for the hours of work that may be involved in order to obtain these and supply them to one or more stamp dealers, locally or out of town. The dealer too feels that the premium he is obliged to pay, in order to obtain sufficient plate blocks to satisfy the early and great demand from collectors, is worth it to him over the efforts and costs that he would have to put in, in order to obtain these.

There is also the realization that the demand for this new issue will never be as great as in the earliest period after the stamp comes out.

Next in line are several other classifications of people who deal in plate blocks. You have those who enjoy selling one, a few, or many plate blocks, just for the pleasure they would get out of selling these at any fraction above face, or the cost of these to themselves. That is a thrill enjoyed by many, from young children, even under ten, up to adult.

You probably know many of your friends who will tell you how glad they were when they sold a batch of plate blocks and made a clear 68c profit. The amount of money they made is not important. The amount of time they put in is equally irrelevant. The fact they were able to sell the plate blocks over the price they paid for them gives them a thrill.

Then you have the part time

dealer who has gainful employment in another field, and during spare hours he will be glad to sell you a few plate blocks, here and there, at only a few cents premium. This man too enjoys selling plate blocks at a penny or two less than what is usually recognized as the regular price for a plate block. It is better to say that this man likes to undersell the prices of other dealers. For example, if a plate block sells regularly for 20c, this dealer may offer them to you at 18c or 17c apiece. His stock is small and limited. He does not operate with any special overhead, but enjoys doing a miniature business in plate blocks.

Then we have the stamp dealer who stocks all kinds of stamps, U. S., foreign, mint, used, accessories, etc., and also plate blocks because he gets calls for these every so often, and especially so right after a new stamp comes out. Since he stocks so many different things, plate blocks are just another item in his store and therefore it too has its limitations, but when you consider all the items and the entire overhead, and the man's time for extending the service to you, he feels that every article in his store, including plate blocks, justifies a fair and reasonable mark up over his cost.

Finally, there would be a classification for the dealer who specializes in plate blocks and restricts himself mainly to this field alone. A dealer like this, like in any other branch of philately, finds that it would be necessary for him to assume responsibility to maintain a stock of plate blocks so that he could be held reliable, to be able to supply the most popular and common needs and requirements of plate number collectors, whom he tries to serve.

Here you have, in a broad sense, just about everyone whom we can consider as selling and supplying plate numbers to collectors. The difficult question is, where and how can you, from all the above classifications, arrive at a value of the plate block. This is where the average collector's point of view comes in strongly for consideration. We will take that up in another article.

## Wide Coverage In Current "Annals"

The latest number of the "Aero Philatelist Annals," the quarterly magazine on airmail stamps is perhaps the most diversified yet issued. This number, dated April 1955, has articles on United States, Chile, Colombia, France, Portugal, Panama and Canal Zone stamps, cancellations and covers. Some of the issues described are those of the more common variety. Each article is illustrated with interesting pieces.

Several articles will be of interest not only to general collectors, but U. S. specialists. Uncatalogued Canal Zone official stamps are described for the first time in an article by L. W. Charlat.

The 1923 Trans-Atlantic Flight commemorative of Portugal, an issue little known in this country, is fully treated. The 1930-31 airmails of France are studied. A scarce variety of a Chile air stamp has been found used on a letter to Herbert Brownell, Jr., Attorney-General of the United States back in 1931 when he was a practicing attorney in New York. Colombia with the oldest airline in the Western Hemisphere is discussed in a survey article.

This number of 32 pages with other interesting features can be obtained with the remittance of \$1.00 to Aero Philatelists Inc., 1860 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y.

## Advertising Collars In Harmer Auction

Around the "eighties," George Nesbitt, who was manufacturing United States Postal Stationery, produced essays of designs around the "stamps" for the possible use by the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. At the same time he produced a similar "collar" advertising his own concern.

These "essays" interested a number of business concerns which had envelopes prepared with their names and addresses. Among these were S. Allan Taylor, a stamp dealer of Boston, and N. F. Seebeck of the famed or ill-famed "Seebeck reprint" deal.

As however, by an Act of 1872, such collars were illegal, the practice was discontinued. A very interesting group of 48 of these items is included in the "L. H. Barkhausen" collection of 19th century United States postal stationery to be sold on June 14 to 16 by H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y.

The de-luxe brochure auction catalog can be obtained by writing to the auctioneers.

## White Ace Pages For Inscription Blocks

A set of album pages for United Nations - Inscription Blocks has just been published by the Washington Press of Newark, N. J. The new pages are similar in styling to the firm's well-known WHITE ACE Historical Stamp Albums featuring color, heavy card stock, three ring punching and historical annotations. The group offered runs from the first issues in 1951 thru the end of 1954. Supplements will be available in January each year to bring the album up to date.

The Washington Press was the first firm to produce special album pages following the initial United Nations issue in 1951. They were for singles. The new Inscription pages match those for singles and can be used in one binder.

The firm has placed a \$1.85 price on the pages and a \$3.50 for the deluxe gold stamped binder. Both are available at stamp shops throughout the country.

## Have Cachet For Exhibition In July

A cachet will be available for the fourth annual exhibition of the Bellarmine Stamp Club at 10c each or three for 25c. This price includes the stamp, envelope and filler.

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115	★	Fine mint	8.70
116	★	#241-54 Danzig—F-VF mint	3.74
117	★	#241-54 Danzig—F-VF mint	30.00
118	★	#423-28, 29-38 Ecuador—F-VF mint	6.25
119	★	#C89-93 Ecuador—F-VF mint	7.85
120	★	#C127-30 Ecuador—Fine mint blks.	5.12
121	★	#115-20, 55-58 Egypt—Fine mint	6.25
122	★	Egypt—Fine mint cpl.	10.00
123	★	#B6-10 Ethiopia—F-VF mint	3.98
124	★	#20-21 Falkland Islands—Fine to VF	
125	★	mint, no gum	31.50
126	★	#28 Falkland Is. 3sh—Fine mint	6.00
127	★	#28 Falkland Is. 5sh—Fine mint	12.50
128	★	#65-72 Falkland Is. 1/2-1sh. F-VF mint	24.15
129	★	#73 Falkland Is. 2sh-6p. F-VF mint	18.00
130	★	#84-95 Falkland Is. 1/2-1L—F-VF mint	18.88
131	★	#84, 85A, 86, 87, 88-93 Falkland Islands—	
132	★	3-5sh—Fine mint	9.61
133	★	#236-130 Germany—Yellow	
134	★	JF to Fine used	40.00
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148	★	F-VF mint	27.56
149	★	#26-34 Germany—South-West Africa—	
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151	★	#21 Germany—1/2gr. fine used	5.00
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154	★	#28 Germany—Fine mint	6.00
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157	★	#80-101, 105-36 Germany—F-VF mint.	5.53
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159	★	F-VF mint	8.55
160	★	#323-339 Germany—F-VF mint	3.16
161	★	#340-49 Germany—F-VF mint	4.25
162	★	#350 Germany—Fine mint	3.50
163	★	#351-62 Germany—F-VF mint	9.25
164	★	#363-64 Germany—F-VF mint	5.35
165	★	#366-86 Germany—F-VF mint	13.65
166	★	#387 Germany—VF mint	3.00
167	★	#391-97 Germany—F-VF mint	4.75
168	★	#398-400 Germany—F-VF mint	3.80
169	★	#410-414 Germany—F-VF mint	6.40
170	★	#415-425 Germany—F-VF mint	6.77
171	★	#446-76 Germany—F-VF mint	7.51
172	★	#477-505 Germany—F-VF mint	5.52
173	★	#600-33 Incl. A.2 Germany—F-VF mint	2.92
174	★	#631-61 Germany—F-VF mint	9.83
175	★	#65-69 Germany—F-VF mint	9.83
176	★	#B8-11 Germany—F-VF mint	6.10
177	★	#B12-18 Germany—F-VF mint	9.10
178	★	#B19-21 Germany—F-VF mint	4.45
179	★	#B23-27 Germany—F-VF mint	7.55
180	★	#B28-32 Germany—F-VF mint	8.35
181	★	#B33 Germany—Fine mint sheet	
182	★	faint crease in corner	15.00
183	★	#B34-37 Germany—F-VF mint	4.80
184	★	#B42-48 Germany—F-VF mint	7.90
185	★	#B49-57 Germany—F-VF mint	18.45
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188	★	#B68 Germany—VF Souv. Sheet mint	6.00
189	★	#B69-89 Germany—F-VF mint	4.00
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246	*B350A-53A Neth. Type C-F-VF mint	4.10
248	*B350A-53B Neth. F-VF mint	5.58
250	*82 Newfoundland-Sp-Juste Fine mint	60.00
251	*211 Newfild.-2p-Orange-Fine used	75.00
252	*122A Newfoundland-5p-VF mint	11.00
253	*122A Newfoundland-VF mint	11.00
254	*124, 66, 41, 54, 57-58, 67, 73, C9	
255	*1291 Newfoundland-F-VF mint	7.60
256	*223-43 Newfoundland-JF-F mint	3.50
257	*267-68 Newfoundland-Fine mint blks	4.40
258	*229-39, 41 New Zealand-Fine mint	10.13
259	*229-39, 41 New Zealand-Fine mint	2.94
260	*B11 New Zealand-6 F-VF mint	4.50
261	*C296-308 Nicaragua-F-VF mint	4.33
262	*67-69 Niue-Silver Jubilee-Fine mint	3.25
263	*61-74 Northern Rhodesia-1/2p-20sh-	
264	to VF mint	11.66
265	*B27 Norway 100 fine used	35.00
266	*97-111 Nyasaland Proct. 1/2p-20sh-	
	Fine to VF mint	12.08
267	*341, C73, 100-04, 12-13 Panama	
	Fine mint	5.85
268	*436 Panama-Fine mint	5.35
269	*C1-4 Papua-F-VF mint	5.50
270	*C5-9 Papua-2p-1sh-F-VF mint	8.75
271	*C179-83 Paraguay-F-VF mint	2.22
272	*218, 20-22, 31, 36 Philippines-	
	Fine	12.20
273	*C9-12 Philippines-F-VF mint blks	10.60
274	*E1 Philippines-F-VF mint	8.75
275	*263-66, 68-75, 374-79, 95-403, 13-19,	
	26-32 Poland-Fine mint	9.14
276	*263, 56-58, 67, 70-74 Poland-	
	Fine mint blks	7.76
277	*436, 38-39, 41-44, 65-66, 73, 530-31,	
	28, C20a-Poland-Fine mint blks	8.92
278	*C521-26 Poland-F-VF mint blks	6.40
279	*N17-103 Poland-Fine mint	11.24
280	*C1-2, 6, 101-26, N14-41 Poland-	
	Fine mint	10.56
281	*RAT-8 Romania-F. mint Inv. Ovpt.	
282	*294-97, 606-09, 11-13, 59-65,	
	660-66 Russia-Fine mint	12.15
283	*294-97, 606-09, 11-13, 59-65,	
	660-66 Russia-Fine mint	6.50
284	*1392-93A Russia-UPU-F-VF	
	used Perf and Imperf	
285	*974-82, 86A-86C, 1002-06 Russia F. used	5.86
286	*201-225 Saar-F-VF mint	4.14
287	*228-31, 35-37, 50, 41-42 Saar-	
	F-VF mint	4.15
288	*B81-68, 74 Saar-F-VF mint	2.70
289	*B876 Saar-F-VF mint	5.00
290	*B77-81, 83-95 Saar-F-VF mint	9.39
291	*C9-12 Saar-F-VF mint	6.70
292	*66-68, 69-74, 95-96, 100-01, 101-02	
	Germany, German-3p-2a	
	VF mint	23.90
293	*70-73 Samoa, German-F-VF mint	3.95
294	*365a Salvador-50c Yellow and Black-	
	JF-F cpl. sheets of 20 mint	60.00
295	*587, 66-005, 66-06, 71-72, 85, 100-09	
	Salvador-Fine mint	6.87
296	*613, C122-24 Salvador-UPU F-VF	*11.05
297	*181-84, 241, 57, 60-71, 96-303, C41-49	
	San Marino-Fine mint	8.23
298	*157-171 Seychelles-C2-10r F-VF mint	9.89
299	*157-171 Seychelles-C2-10r F-VF mint	9.89
300	*161 Sierra Leone-1sh F-VF mint	14.05
301	*162 Sierra Leone-2sh F-VF mint	14.00
302	*324-37, 40-47, C9-14 Somali Coast	
	Fine mint	5.43
303	*293, 301 Somaliland Proct. VF mint	11.00
304	*293, 301 Somaliland Proct. VF mint	6.00
305	*Spanish Col.-Cpl. mint 5 val.	
306	*157, 59-69 St. Lucia-Queens 1c-2-40-	
	F-VF mint no 2c val.	11.92
307	*156-169 St. Vincent-1c-4-80-Fine	
	to VF mint	5.15
308	*55-56 Straits Settlement, Kedah-	
	F-VF mint	5.15
309	*37-17 Straits Settlement, Malacca-	
	Fine to VF mint	8.10
310	*44-45 Straits Settlements, Pahang-	
	Fine to VF mint	5.15
311	*2-2 Straits Settlements, Penang-	
	Fine to VF mint	5.15
312	*37-17 Straits Settlements, Penang	
	1c-35 Fine to VF mint	8.12
313	*2900 Straits Settlements, Perak-	
	Fine to VF mint	5.15
314	*47-48 Straits Settlements, Terengau-	
	Fine to VF mint	5.15
315	*301-02 Switzerland-F-VF used	4.50
316	*327-34 Switzerland-F-VF mint	5.80
317	*290-2900-2900-2900-2900-2900	
	2900-2900-2900-2900-2900-2900	5.87
318	*C153 Syria-fine mint	6.80
319	*349-50, C154-55 Syria-UPU F-VF mint	6.20
320	*246-53 Timor-F-VF mint	2.32+
321	*1-6 Togo, German-F-VF mint	22.00
322	*1-6 Togo, German-F-VF mint	25.40
323	*20-23 Togo, German-F-VF mint	4.55
324	*1-14 Trieste-Zone A-Fine mint	4.32
325	*36-39 Trieste Zone A-F-VF mint	3.15
326	*C1-12, 17-19 Trieste Zone A-F. mint	4.80
327	*44-45 Trieste Zone A-F-VF mint	3.50
328	*E1 Trieste Zone A-F. mint	3.50
329	*15-16 Trieste Zone B-F-VF mint	6.00
330	*15-16 Trieste Zone B-F-VF mint	6.00
331	*10 Trinidad & Tobago-5sh.	
	Fine to VF used	3.20
332	*B33-40 Turkey-F-VF used	6.00
333	*292, 293 Turks & Caicos Islands-Silver	
	Wedding-Fine	3.62
334	*105-117 Turks & Caicos Islands-	
	1/2p-10Sh. F-VF mint	6.02
335	*C116-19 Uruguay-Fine mint	4.00
336	*C116-19 Uruguay-Fine mint blks	16.00
337	*C116-19, 41-44 Uruguay-Fine mint	6.00

334	★	#478-83.	541-46 Venezuela—VF used..	5.00
335	★	#488	Venezuela—2B—VF mint	5.00
336	★	#540	Venezuela—3B—VF mint	5.00
337	★	#546-47	Venezuela—1b-5b—VF mint..	7.20
338	★	#547	Venezuela—5B—VF mint	6.00
339	★	#561	Venezuela—5B—VF mint	3.50
340	★	#562	Venezuela—5B—VF used	3.50
341	★	#564, 76, 78-81, 83-87-88, 90, 92, 600	Venezuela—VF mint	3.40
342	★	#574, 76-81, 83-88	Venezuela—VF mint	3.44
343	★	#576-82	Venezuela—5c-3B—VF mint..	3.67
344	★	#576, 6, 8, 11, 17-20, 22, 26, 29	Venezuela—VF mint	3.12
345	★	#610	Venezuela—5B—VF mint	3.50
346	★	#641, A, B	Venezuela—10 F-VF used sets	18.00
347	★	#C339	Venezuela—45c VF mint	5.50
348	★	#C346, 400, 418, 553	Venezuela—VF used	5.00
349	★	#C346	Venezuela—VF mint	5.00
350	★	#C354	Venezuela 5b—VF mint	4.50
351	★	#C365-73	Venezuela—5c-90c VF used..	5.00
352	★	#C400	Venezuela—VF used	5.00
353	★	#C403	Venezuela—VF mint	2.90
354	★	#C454	Venezuela—2B—VF mint	2.40
355	★	#C460	Venezuela—4 VF mint copies	4.00
356	★	#C472	Venezuela—2B—VF mint	2.40
357	★	#C478-79	Venezuela—VF mint	3.75
358	★	#C481	Venezuela—10B—VF mint	9.00
359	★	#C482-90	Venezuela—1B-3B—VF mint	1.60
360	★	#C490	Venezuela—2B—VF mint	2.40
361	★	#C490	Venezuela—2B—VF used	2.40
362	★	#C490	Venezuela—3 F-VF used copies	3.75
363	★	#C496-97	Venezuela—VF mint	3.75
364	★	#C498	Venezuela—4B—VF mint	2.75
365	★	#C498	Venezuela—5B—VF mint	4.50
366	★	#C507	Venezuela—5 F-VF used copies	5.00
367	★	#C514-15	Venezuela—VF mint	3.15
368	★	#C515	Venezuela—3B—VF mint	2.25
369	★	#C524	Venezuela—VF mint	3.15
370	★	#C536	Venezuela—10B—VF mint	7.50
371	★	#C542	4 Venezuela—VF used	5.00
372	★	#98-101	Virgin Islands—6c-\$1.20	2.90
373	★	Fine to VF mint		2.90
374	★	#102-113	Virgin Islands—1c-\$4.80—	11.40
375	★	Fine to VF mint		11.40

974	★	#105-13, 16-19, 36-47 Canal Zone— Fine to VF mint .....	5.46
975	★	#C5-12, 19-25 Canal Zone—F-VF mint	7.38
976	★	#330 Panama—Fine to VF mint.....	3.09
977	★	#342-49 Panama—Fine to VF mint.....	4.83
978	★	#358-63 Panama—F-VF mint .....	5.28
979	★	#382-86, C131-36 Panama—F-VF mt. cpl	5.51
980	★	#389-94, C140-46 Pan. F-VF mint cpl	7.83
981	★	#C74-79 Panama—Fine to VF mint.....	5.06
982	★	#C106-104 Panama—F-VF mint ....	4.75
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389 *	#529-33 British Somaliland-F-VF mint	
390 *	— French Colonies-UPU-Fine to VF mint cl. 12 val.	
391 *	#256-58 Fr. Morocco-F-VF mint	
392 *	#9N35-41 Germany-Stephan-Fine to VF mint-6 val.	
393 *	#254-46, 6N41-42, 6N40-41 Germany-Fine to VF mint-6 val.	
394 *	#385-88, C49-51 Haiti-F-VF mint	
395 *	#C181-86, 87A Honduras-F-VF mint	
396 *	#859-60, 834 Hungary-F-VF mint cl. perf booklet	
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404 *	#C149-50 Lebanon-F-VF mint 8 Sh.	
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408 *	#245, 46, C30 Monaco-FVF mint Souv. Sheets Perf and Imperf.	
409 *	#245A, C31-33 Monaco-FVF mint Souv. Sheets Perf and Imperf.	
410 *	#245, 46, C30-33 Monaco-Fine to VF mint-7 val.	
411 *	#245A, C31-33 Monaco-VF mint 2nd set Imperf.	
412 *	#730-34, C309-15, C045-50 Nicaragua-F-VF mint 18 val.	
413 *	#730-34, C309-15, C045-50 Nicaragua-F-VF mint Souv. Sheets—18 val.	
414 *	#368-70, C154-155 Panama-F-VF mint	
415 *	#C170-83 Paraguay-F-VF mint	
416 *	#2931-32 Persia-F-VF mint	
417 *	#C94-102 Peru-F-VF mint	
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420 *	#1392-1393A Russia-F-VF mint Perf and Imperf	
421 *	#613, C122-24 Salvador-F-VF mint	
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423 *	#304 San Marino-Fine to VF mint souv. Sheet of 6.	
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425 *	#C75 San Marino-F-VF mint	
426 *	#C75 San Marino-Fine to VF mint Souv. Sheet of 6.	
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430 *	— Surinam-F-VF mint	
431 *	— Sweden-F-VF mint cl. book 20.	
432 *	#349, 50, C154-155 Syria-F-VF mint.	
433 *	#15-16 Trieste-20 val.	
434 *	#C18-19 Vatican City-F-VF mint.	
435 *	#C284-92 Venezuela-F-VF mint	
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## Are You A Plate Number Collector?

A very large number of collectors will answer "YES" to the above question, but I believe that a very large percentage of those who do say they are Plate Number collectors would not be so recognized by the real ones.



GEORGE W. LINN

I am firmly of the belief that a very large percentage of those who would say YES, are merely plate number grabbers, not real plate number collectors in any one of the several ways that one might collect plate numbers, and still be entitled to some recognition as a plate number collector.

Maybe you have never given a question like the above much thought, so let's examine it and see what we run into.

In discussing the plate number collectors we will have to recognize that at present, plate numbers are collected in blocks of four since our stamps are printed in such manner that the plate number is placed on the corner stamp of a pane and breaks out nicely into a block. In the plate plate prints that were in vogue before the Rotary Prints came into being, the plate numbers were at the top and bottom of the sheet and sometimes also at the side.

When the Bureau first started printing our stamps the plate number was along with an imprint and the custom in those days was to collect a strip of three stamps showing the plate number and imprint. Later on the imprint was left off and for many years plate numbers were collected in strips of three with the number on the center stamp, so in talking of plate number collectors we are considering as the tops in their class, the group who collect in the manner as described above and who go in for all numbers in all possible positions.

It is this group that has the real plate number collectors and they are few in comparison with those who will say they collect plate numbers.

Collecting Plate Numbers in the above manner is a very costly process. Unless you are wealthy you can hardly attempt it if you hope to go back and pick up past issues. To start at the present time and continue on from here would also be a very expensive way to collect.

There are however a lot of people who profess an interest in plate numbers and if this article will help any of them find a more practical way, and still let them continue with plate numbers, we will feel that some good has come from it.

Plate number grabbers are those who when they go to the post office to buy a new block of a commemorative, they ask for the plate number. Not because they are making a collection of plate numbers in the approved manner, but because they realize that the block with the number on is worth a little more than the actual face value of the stamps, thus they try to get more for their money.

Collectors who had such blocks here and there in a collection of plain blocks, only mess up what might be a nice looking collection.

People of moderate means however can form a very nice collection of plate numbers in any one of several different ways.

Instead of trying for all the different numbers in all four positions, make it an aim to get the four positions of any one number of any single stamp and be satisfied with that, using your duplicates of that stamp to trade for things you do not have. Or form a block collection showing four positions of any single stamp without any effort to match up the numbers.

In either of these plans you get a representative collection and you do not have to put a lot into it except for the higher values of the regular postage series which too many people neglect in a collection of this nature.

It is a fact which most of you may overlook, that the plate numbers of the last 3c Presidential stamp as a rule are worth more than are the plate numbers of most of the commemorative 3c stamps of the past fifteen years.

The reason is very simple. Few who claim to be plate number collectors have gone into the 3c Presidential, thinking it too common. It turns out then to be much better than the commemoratives which have been held by thousands.

Let us look at the 3c Presidential. The first plate number on this stamp was 21925. The last number 24841. These figures are taken from the Crane list which we believe to be correct. That makes a total of 356 different numbers of the 3c Presidential to collect. Some of these have to be kept in larger than blocks of four to properly identify them, so that the complete set would mean more than four times 356 or 1412. This number of blocks if bought at face at the post office would have cost more than 12 times 1412 or more than \$169.44. Today, a complete set of these blocks would readily sell at several times that figure. The rarest of the plate blocks in this 3c is 22141 UR. The other three positions of this number are also rare.

So you see it would run into quite a sum to collect all plate numbers in all positions. Therefore if your finances do not permit that way of collecting you would do better to follow some idea which would permit you to have a chance to complete your collection along the lines you plan.

Another way is to collect one block of every number. This gives you a chance to come close to completion for many years back and gives you a full record of all plates issued and used.

I too confess to collecting plate numbers in a way. I am not so rabid that I go out hunting for them or trying to buy what I need to fill a spot, but wait patiently for them to come along in small numbers or by trade or in other manners that one may acquire them.

I collect only single copies with plate number. I like this plan much better than blocks. I see no sane reason for blocks except it permits the dealer to sell you wholesale rather than retail. On the other hand to house a collection of blocks it requires five to six times as many albums as is needed for singles. Yes, I mount mine in albums. I use hinges. I attach the hinges to the stamps. I want my stamps so I can see them and so others can see them. I have no use for these collectors who hoard them in boxes or are fearful of marring the gum on a stamp by putting a hinge to it.

My collection of single plate numbers started when I got sick and tired of realizing that there were hundreds of plate numbers of the past fifteen years that were going begging in the market for prices of 13 to 13½ cents per block. Why tie up 9c in a few thousand different and duplicate blocks when they were worth no more than face. so I tore the 9c out of the blocks and converted it to cash and used the 9c to buy some stamps that I did not have.

As a result I saved about \$15.00 out of every \$18.00 that I would have had to put into albums to mount the stamps in and I saved 9c out of every block of 3c commemoratives, with which to buy other stamps I did not have. But best of all I had a mounted collection which looked beautiful when the pages were filled with the matched four corner stamps.

## SMILEATELICS . . . . Bob Ricker



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## Stamp Robberies On The Increase

Ernest A. Kehr

(Ed. Note: The following first appeared in the New York Herald-Tribune "Stamp News" column written regularly by Mr. Kehr. It has suggestions which we believe are of some importance and interest to our readers.)

The number and frequency of stamp robberies from dealers' stores and private homes has reached alarming proportions. Weekly reports of new lootings come from the large cities all over the country. Most serious is the fact that the thieves are hardly ever caught. The stolen stamps never seem to be recovered.

Actually is is not too surprising that the underworld has invaded the philatelic world. The exaggerated stress placed upon the cash value of stamps by ill-advised dealers and thoughtless collectors every time they have occasion to talk about their possessions long has been a blatant invitation to the larceny league.

Many dealers feel that talk about the real or imagined fortune some of their stamps are worth will get them an extra

paragraph of publicity and added prestige when they are asked for a story concerning a local exhibit, auction sale or club meeting.

Collectors, too, are apt to emphasize the monetary worth of their displays at exhibitions. Hardly ever do they realize that public stamp displays are ideal haunts for the criminal who is looking for a new shop or home to burglarize.

The wave of philatelic robberies began in 1938, when a downtown dealer tried to impress a journalist with his "million dollar" stock. Within a week a criminal broke into his office and walked off with material he told the press was valued at "\$100,000." Even then he could not resist bragging. His insurance claim was for less than \$5,000.

Most distressing is the apparent inability to apprehend these specialist-thieves and the complete failure of the stamp trade to locate the loot. Of course it is all but impossible to identify stamps worth \$100 or less unless they have a definite brand. But even such great rarities as have been stolen in the last several years have not been recovered. The American Stamp Dealers' Association will not deny that there must be an effective fencing organization in existence.

The collector may take a number of precautions to protect himself against thefts. First, he never should mention the monetary worth of his specimens to anyone except his family. The owners of many of the really precious collections habitually refuse to discuss the dollar value of their items.

The investment of a few cents for a small rubber stamp with which to "brand" the back of one's individual stamps is important. It may not prevent a burglary, but it will help in identifying without question any stamps that may be offered for sale later.

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**U.S. NOTES**

**BY CARL P. RUETH**

Can't say much for the Armed Forces Reserve Commemorative either as to design or color. In layout, it apes the Armed Forces Women of 1952, but has none of its life or distinctiveness. The girls look lovely and lively, while the men on the new stamp have all the snap of a 1930 lot of clothing store dummies which have been used continuo sly.

The design has all the earmarks of another one of those creations, definitely amateurish, foisted on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing designers by the "we want a stamp committee" of the Reserve organization.

Now the artwork for the Soo Locks Centennial, to be seen on page one, is a better all around effort. However, it has the one great fault of so many of our United States commems - **TOO MANY WORDS.** There is no call to label each one of the lakes, nor should there be all that other gibberish about the centennial along with the dates and the name of the city and locks.

Our American people aren't ignorant - they have a fair understanding of the geography of our country - and given a pair of dates and a word or two and they can put the story together. Those not getting beyond the fourth grade of grammar school won't care anyhow, and what's probably sure, they couldn't afford a 3c stamp at half the price.

The Post Office Department could take some wonderful lessons from many of the foreign stamps where just a word or so, and a date, plus the design tell the story to those of us who don't even understand the language.

Apparently our stamp designers think like politicians - talk 'em to death rather than let folks get the story simply through a picture or a few well chosen words.

1. Westport Landing as it appeared in 1850 can be seen on what commem?
2. On which commem of the past ten years is shown fire-fighting equipment?

Just in case you hadn't heard, the Great Stone Face commem will be green.

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Paul E. Alden of Daytona Beach, Fla. calls attention to a passage in Richard Bissell's book, "The Monongahela", the 46th volume of the Rivers of America series. The information it contains is generally known and has been printed here on other occasions, but perhaps the newcomers might like to know. It reads:-  
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"Therefore, the stamp not only pictures a lock which is not on the Ohio River, but has on it a picture which shows a lock in operation fully nine years before the completion of the Ohio River Canalization Project which the stamp was issued to commemorate."

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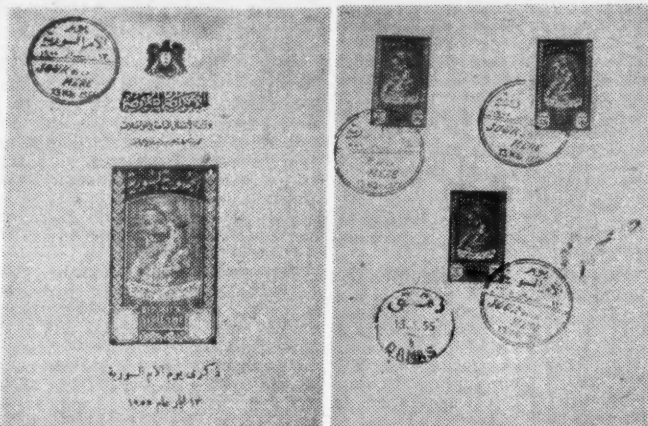
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At the left is the front of the souvenir folder provided by the Syrian Postal Administration for the Mothers' Day set of three. At the top left is the first day postmark. The reproduction of the stamp design is in blue; the other inscriptions and the eagle, are in gold. At the right are shown the three stamps tied to the folder on an inner page with the special first day cancel. The first day of issue was May 13.

## Syria's Mothers' Day Souvenir Sheets Made To Your Personal Taste

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The turbulent Arab Republic of Syria, still in the throes of political effervescence over the assassination of her army's popular young Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel Adnan Malki, by a member of a party opposed to the army's increasing pan-Arab unionist rapprochments with Egypt, took time out on May 13 to issue a Mother's Day commemorative set which contains a very unusual and interesting item, a "make your own" type souvenir sheet or "booklet."

As Syria's people are mostly Moslem, with Friday, instead of Sunday, as the official day of rest, Mothers' Day falls on the second Friday, in May, which, this year, happened to be the 13th.

On that day, in connection with nation-wide celebrations honoring Syrian motherhood, a three-value commemorative set (one postage value and two airmails) was issued in the quantity of 40,000 sets, with 1500 imperfs to follow, as bonuses to postal employees and presentation to officials.

Since Syrian imperfs are never available at face at the post office, and since growing numbers of local collectors are clamoring for "philatelic" items, the P. O. compromised by preparing 1500 souvenir folders at 5 piasters (less than 2c) each to be sold to all comers, in reasonable quantities, up to 6 p. m. of the first day of issue.

### Each "Sheet" Different

Collectors were invited to make up their own "souvenir sheets" on these folders, to suit their individual tastes. This was done by sticking mint copies of the commemoratives on blank spaces in, or on, the folder, and having them tied to cover with the special first day cancel. Thus, a single or a set, or blocks, strips, and any sort of combination desired could be made. Most collectors and dealers, of course, placed a single set on the folder for cancelling.

The single design used throughout (on both the stamps and the folder) is a Syrian mother, holding her baby. The stamps are of "commemorative size," arranged vertically, with Arabic country name above the mother, and an Arabic scroll below her which reads: "Day of the Syrian Mother" and the date. Country name in French, below, is flanked by bilingual plaques of value.

The 25 piaster (first-class foreign mail, 20 grams) scarlet is inscribed, "Postage" in Arabic and French. The 35pi dark violet and 40pi black, for most-used airmail rates, are similarly inscribed "Airpost". The tiny inscriptions in the bottom margins read, in French, "Mothers' Day, 13 May 1955" and "S. N. L. P." (the designing firm's initials), and, in Arabic, "Official Offset Press".

### The Official Folder

A copy of the stamp, with blank value plaques and enlarged approximately four times, appears in blue as the principal cover design of the folder, which, when folded as a booklet, measures approximately 12½ x 17½ cm in size. Above this design is the coat-of-arms of the Syrian Republic (Syria's three revolutionary stars superimposed on the "Hawk of the Quraysh", the device of the imperial Omayyads of Damascus who ruled an Arab empire from Spain to India in the 7th and 8th Centuries), also the Arabic superscriptions of the

Republic, of the Ministry of Public Works and Communications, and of the Directorate-General of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones.

Below the design is an Arabic inscription reading "In Commemoration of the Day of the Syrian Mother" and the date. A tiny Arabic imprint on the back reads "Press of the Syrian Republic". The crest and all inscriptions are in gold.

The first day cancel, enclosed in a double circle, contains the same bilingual Arabic and French commemorative inscription and date as the stamps.

## APS Committee Gives Label Data

In the May edition of the "American Philatelist", official publication of the American Philatelic Society, is a report made by Robert W. Murch, chairman of the APS New Issues Committee. This body was charged at the last national convention of the society with making an investigation and report on the various spurious stamp issues and stamp-like labels offered.

Material which the committee found to be without a legitimate background included the following—

The eight sets of the "Republic of South Moluccas" which are alleged to have been printed by the Austrian State Printery at the order of a U. S. stamp dealer.

The various issues attributed to "Free Albania" and which show Roosevelt and Churchill.

Issues of the "Republic of Indonesia" from 1946 to 1949, also printed in Vienna at the order of a U. S. stamp dealer.

The Albanian "Partisan Issue of 1954" consisting of three stamps picturing airplanes and parachutes.

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Army Corps in Italy" in 1946 which set also exists with an overprint in tribute to Franklin Roosevelt.

The various issues of the so-called "Free Croatia" for the UPU and triangle-shape stamps picturing flowers and birds.

Numerous charity labels of Spain which have the appearance of postage stamps and which have inscriptions of Zaragoza, and Sin Valor Postal.

Jugoslavia airmails attributed to "office abroad", a legitimate issue originally, overprinted with "1945" and an airplane.

France's labels said to be a semipostal issue for the "French Volunteer Army Fighting the Bolsheviks" are also of no legitimate philatelic or governmental standing.

The Herm Island local issues not valid off the small island itself. Strictly a local.

The Lundy Island locals another lot of labels which have a very limited use for the few inhabitants of a small island.

The printing from a recently discovered plate of the 5c Confederate of 1862 by private individuals of copies in the near color of the legitimate stamp.

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**ADEN.** The 1937 set #1-12 usually referred to as the Dhow set, is quite scarce and when available brings a good price. At a recent auction sale in London, a mint set sold for 12 Pounds (\$33.60.)

**MALTA.** Some time ago a used copy of Malta #236 was found without the overprint "SELF GOVERNMENT 1947". This stamp was not issued without overprint. According to Stamp Collecting (London) a second copy of this error has been found. Both copies were found in lots of low value stamps intended to be used for packet making.

Both stamps have been declared genuine by the authorities, whose only explanation is that they were part of a row of stamps (either top or bottom) that missed being overprinted. They state that a complete sheet without the overprint would have been noticed and destroyed.

**LEWARD ISLANDS.** Among the wholesale dealers, there seems to be an increased demand for all Queen Elizabeth sets of the British West Indies, especially Leeward Islands. This is probably caused in the realization by dealers that the Federation will come soon, and that there will be a demand for all the obsolete sets at higher prices.

**ST. VINCENT.** Although no release date has been announced the new definitive issue, recently ordered from the printers, can be assumed that this set will be issued soon. Do not overlook this new set which is likely to have a short life, in view of the expected new federation series.

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It is believed that the shoring supporting the concrete forms failed in some manner which has not been determined as yet. Architects and engineers of the project stated that the structure of the Coliseum was not damaged.

As construction was not damaged, weeks ahead of schedule, this mishap will not necessitate a postponement of the opening which is slated for March 1956.

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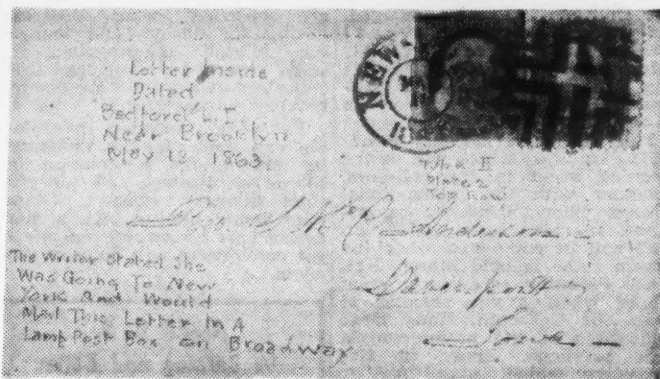
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## Covers Tell The Story

George W. Linn

Because covers tell a story is one of the reasons so many people collect them. The one above has a most unusual one and could well be unique in that respect. It contains a letter which reveals part of the story and gives the key to what is to be seen on the face of the envelope. Without the letter, this story perhaps could not have been pieced together. I want to give credit to Stanley Ashbrook for the information.

The letter is addressed to the Rev. S. M. P. Anderson of Davenport, Iowa, and written by a lady who merely signs it "Julie", of Bedford, L.I., a place marked as "near Brooklyn." The writer states in the letter that she is going to the city and will "drop the letter in a Lamp Post Box when in New York."

In mailing, the lady used a 3c of the then current 1861 issue, and for the Carrier Fee from the lamp post box to the post office, a 1c stamp. This should have been a 1c denomination of the 1861 issue, but perhaps having none she used a 1c of the 1856-60 series. She did not stop to think that the latter was of no value. It had been demonetized due to the Civil War, so when the letter got to the post office the clerks were supposed to hold it and to notify the addressee that it was short paid and the stamp was not valid. However, there was no address on the outside of the envelope to which they could send such a notice. If the notice was not sent then the clerks were obligated to send the letter to the Dead Letter Office at Washington as they had no authority to open the letter and see from whom it came.

Nevertheless they must have taken it upon themselves to ignore that rule since the letter was forwarded to the addressee party. If it had been sent to the Dead Letter Office it would have been forwarded only after 4c postage due was sent, but since there is no indication of postage due it is evident that the letter was sent directly to the party to whom it was addressed although the 1c stamp on it was illegal and the government lost this 1c Carrier Fee which was due it.

Why "Julie" used an obsolete 1c stamp is something that is not explainable except by possibility that females, at times, do strange things, trusting to luck that they will get by. That certainly happened in this case and there is little doubt that the clerk in the N.Y.P.O. thought the easiest way was to ignore the demonetized stamp and permit the darn thing to go through to the Reverend gentleman.

## Discontinue Low Value Registers

The 30c minimum fee for "no value" registered mail will be discontinued when certified mail is inaugurated on June 6 and 7, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced.

Patrons who want a recorded receipt for letters having no indemnity value will be able to send them by certified mail at the lower rate of 15c.

Certified mail service will be inaugurated on June 6 at the Washington, D. C. post office together with a first day sale of the new certified mail stamp. The new stamp and the new service will be available at other post offices throughout the country on June 7.

Discontinuance of the 30c fee will be effective at Washington and at other post offices on the said dates, respectively.

Mr. Summerfield stated that the new certified mail service, at a lower cost, eliminated the need for the 30c minimum registry fee for "no value" mail. The registry service will not be restricted to the safeguarding of items of value, as originally intended. Patrons who want to send valuable or non-replaceable papers or documents through the registry service may do so by declaring an indemnity value. The lowest registry fee, covering an indemnity of up to \$5.00 will be 40c, as heretofore.

## Baden Cancellations Talk For GPS Chapter

At the June 21 meeting of the No. 1 Chapter of the Germany Philatelic Society Seigfried Simon will display and discuss his collection of cancellations on the stamps of Baden.

The session will convene at 8:15 p. m. at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City. Visitors are welcome.

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## PRINTED CANCELLATIONS

One reader would like to know why more firms do not avail themselves of the provision in the PL & R to have printed cancellations on their advertising cards and envelopes and even their first class mail. He mentions even the privilege of designing such cancellations. Unless the laws have undergone a recent change there are illustrations somewhere in the postal guide that show just how far you can go along these lines and it is not as far as you are lead to believe.

There are occasional uses of these cards and envelopes, some of which we have mentioned in the past. But again, as far as I can determine there is no permission to design anything fancy or out of the ordinary.

I do appreciate readers who are ever on the alert for unusual things in the stamp field and especially the precancel field. The above printed cancellations are of course considered precancels. So my thanks to Noble Holderread of Milford, Ind., for bringing the above to my attention.

## BUREAU PRECANCEL NEWS

An eight-page paper under the above heading. The entire edition is about the current issued Bureaus with illustrations and the like. However since all the ads are George Klein's, Vincennes, Ind. we must conclude that the Bureau Precancel News is a house organ.

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cause lack of information and articles were one of the things that caused the decline of Bureau collecting. The above edition was dated APRIL 1955, and we hope there will be other editions.

## NEW BUREAUS

As listed by George Klein new issue Bureau dealer: San Fernando, Calif., 1 1/2c coil; San Francisco 12c sheet stamp; Terre Haute, Ind. and Lafayette, La. 1 1/2c sheet stamps; West Point, Pa., and Norfolk, Va. 2c sheet stamps.

All above are Presidentials, the following are Liberty series: Des Plaines, Ill., and Fort Worth, Texas 1c sheet stamps; Baltimore, Md., Greensboro, N. C. and West Point, Pa. 3c sheet stamps.

Six out of eleven items are still Presidentials. Possibly by the end of the year the balance will be much the other way especially if a new 1 1/2c value is released.

## GOOD HOPE OHIO

A town long on the authorized list but never seen has just come to light. It's an old 25 subject metal handstamp in U-121 wide type. It's on the 1c prexy. The town is in the Washington Court House vicinity.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

The Southern California bulletin in with a 2c Liberty from Redondo Beach, Calif. The BUCKEYE in with another old and long listed town in Ohio—it's KIM-BOLTON, OHIO. This really is an old timer as it's a rubber handstamp U-45 type. Stamp used was 1c Liberty.

The town is in the Cambridge area. I can supply addresses of both above bulletins to interested collectors.

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UNESCO COMMEMS IN SPECIAL ALBUM. On May 11 the United Nations issued a set of two stamps in recognition to the UNESCO in denominations of 5c and 8c. A presentation album containing a pane of each value is being presented in the above picture by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld (left) to Rene Naheuf, Asst. Director of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). George Hamori, an artist of Israel, designed the stamps.

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**BELGIUM** - It has been reported that sometime in May, a three value set of stamps is to be issued on the occasion of the Sculpture Exhibition to be held in Antwerp. Although the values and colors of the set have not yet been announced, the designs will be the following: The Foolish Virgin, by Rik Wouters; The Prophet, by Gargallo; and The Mediterranean, by Maillol.

**BRAZIL** - In commemoration of the Centenary of the City of Botucatu in the State of Sao Paulo, a 1.20 cr. stamp was issued on April 14. The design features the coat-of-arms of the city, and was designed by Jose Baptista.

**CAPE VERDE** - On April 14, two multi-colored stamps were issued. The values are: 1 and 1.60 escudos. Pictured are the coats-of-arms of Cape Verde and Guinea.

**COLOMBIA** - The 100th anniversary of the birth of Marco Fidel Suarez, a President of the Republic, was commemorated on April 23, when this country issued a 10c blue stamp. It bears a portrait of Suarez, who also was a lawyer and diplomat.

**COSTA RICA** - Sometime in May, this country will issue a six-value set of stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of Rotary International. The values and colors have been announced as: 10c green; 25c blue; 40c brown; 45c red; 60c purple, \$2 yellow.

**CUBA** - During May, a set of eight stamps was issued for the "Communication Retirement Fund." The set consists of four regular postage and three airmail values as follows: Postage 2c, 4c, 10c and 14c.

Airmails 8c, 12c and \$1. The eighth value is a 19c special delivery.

**FRANCE** - The Famous Men semipostal set, previously forecast, is to be issued on June 13, and will consist of six stamps. Values and portraits will be: 12 francs plus 5 francs, Philippe-Auguste; 15fr plus 6fr, Francois de Malherbe; 18fr plus 7fr, Sebastian le Prestre de Vauban; 25fr plus 8 fr, Charles Gravier; 30fr plus 9fr, Pierre Simon; 50fr plus 15fr, Pierre Auguste Renoir.

On May 12 a single 12 franc black and grayish blue stamp was issued picturing an electric train. This was issued to commemorate the completion of the electrification of the Valenciennes-Thionville route.

To commemorate the 50th an-

niversary of the death of author Jules Verne, a 30 franc blue stamp was issued June 4. It features a portrait of Verne and the submarine "Nautilus" from his novel "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

French aviatrix Maryse Bastie will be pictured on a 50fr which will be issued in her honor on June 6.

**FRENCH COLONIES** - Conservation is the theme of a series of stamps recently issued by several of the Colonies. The stamps are known as a "Protection of Nature" series. An 8 franc picturing a Varon Lizard was issued by French Equatorial Africa. French West Africa issued two stamps, as part of the series. A 5fr pictures a chimpanzee, and an 8fr a pangolin, (member of the ant-eater family, similar to a lizard).

A single was issued by Togo, an 8fr, picturing Goliath de Drury, a beetle. On November 12 Laos will issue a six value set of stamps to be known as the Ramayna series. The stamps will be multi-colored and will picture various deities.

**FRENCH MOROCCO** - A four-value set of stamps was recently issued for Franco-Moroccan unity and solidarity. A 5c franc blue pictures a child at a blackboard; 15fr red, children reading; 30fr brown, the Musulmane School; 50fr green, the Moulay College.

**GERMANY (East Zone)** - On April 19, a 20 pfennig magenta stamp was issued to mark the "Day of Liberation." The design pictures a soldier holding a sword in one hand and a child in his arms, while standing on a crushed swastika.

**HUNGARY** - This country too has issued a Liberation set. On April 4, four values were issued as follows: 40f olive and magenta, picturing men reading; 60f red and green, industrial scene; 1ft. green and brown, agricultural scene; and 2ft brown and green, a monument.

**INDONESIA** - The previously forecast set of stamps commemorating the Asia-Africa Conference, held in Bandung, was issued on April 18. The design is the same on all values and shows the globe with Asia and Africa at the top left, and doves. The set was printed by rotogravure and values and colors are: 15c gray, 35c brown; 50c red and 75c green.

**JAPAN** - "The Day of Posts" was marked on April 20 when this country issued a 45 yen aerogramme. The 45 yen imprinted stamp is in red and is on a blue aerogramme. The design pictures a bird in flight.

**MONACO** - On June 7, the current set will be replaced when this country issues a six-value set which will have a profile por-

trait of Prince Rainier II. The values and colors have been announced as: 6 franc green and brown-lilac; 12fr carmine and green; 18fr orange and blue; 30fr blue and gray-black; 15fr lilac and blue and 8fr vermillion.

Sometime in the near future three stamps are to be issued for the Marian Year. A 5fr will show "the Immaculate Conception" by Francois Brea; 10fr "Pietà" by Louis Brea, and 15fr, a piece of sculpture, "The Blessed Rainer."

Rotary International will also be commemorated on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. A 30fr blue and yellow diamond-shaped stamp, picturing the Rotary symbol and globe is to be issued shortly.

**SWEDEN** - In addition to the reprinting of the Skilling-banco stamps, two were issued on May 16, commemorating the centenary of uniform postage and the use of adhesive postage stamps. The values will be 25 ore blue and 40 ore green. The design features a crown and shield.

**SWITZERLAND** - Five stamps are to be issued on June 1 for National Day 1955 and will remain on sale until September 15, 1955.

Values are: 5c plus 5c gray, picturing the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich; 10c plus 10c green and light green, the Saane; 20c plus 10c red brown and carmine brown, the Lake of Aegeri; 30c plus 10c brown and light brown, the Grappelensee; the 40c plus 10c blue and light blue, the lake of Biene.

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444-45	.03	.03	686	.17	—	B230	.03	—	SN42	.18	.18
446-47	.03	.03	687	.04	.03	B231	.09	.08	SN43-44	—	—
448-51	.30	—	688	.17	—	B241-42	.05	.06	SN39-40	—	—
454-55	.24	.04	689	.11	—	B242	.08	—	SN38-39	2.38	—
463-64	.30	—	690	.11	—	B247-48	.08	.08	SN43-44	—	.66
465-66	.15	.03	691	.10	.06	B249	.03	.03	SN45-46	—	—
467-68	.12	.03	692	.06	—	B250	.04	.04	SN41-42	—	—
469	.21	.03	693	.14	.07	B251	.04	.04	SN40-41	2.22	—
470-71	.17	.05	695	.13	—	B252	.08	.07	SN41-42	—	—
472	.22	.05	696	.10	—	B253-56	.05	—	SN43-44	—	—
473-76	.22	.05	698-701	.33	—	B270	.03	—	SN45-46	—	—
477-78	.16	—	B1-2	.05	—	B271	.10	—	SN47-48	—	—
479-80	.13	.03	B90	.16	—	B272-77	.18	.12	SN49-50	—	—
481-83	.11	—	B93-101	.51	—	B278-79	.03	—	SN51-52	3.58	—
484-85	.10	—	B116-17	.15	—	B280	.02	—	SN1-15	1.11	.11
486-89	.30	—	B118	.22	.17	B281-82	.03	—	SN16-29	1.55	.30
490-91	.50	—	B137	.20	—	B283	.10	.09	SN30-38	2.87	3.11
492-93	.12	—	B138-39	.25	—	B284-85	.10	.10	SN39-40	—	.80
494-97	.20	—	B140	.17	—	B286-87	.07	.08	SN41-42	—	.79
498-501	.28	—	B146	.50	.43	B288	.03	.03	SN43-44	—	.51
502-05	.31	—	B151A-58A	.09	—	B289	.04	—	SN45-46	—	.66
506-27, 29	.75	—	B171	.09	—	B290	.03	.03	SN47-48	—	.10
528	.02	.02	B177-85	.41	—	B296-97	.05	.05	SN49-50	—	.14
530-56	.35	.33	B186-87	.12	—	B298-301	.46	.48	SN52-53	0.95	.45
567-77	.18	.30	B188	.10	—	B302-03	.26	.20	SN38-39	—	1.65
578-79	.04	.04	B189	.18	—	B304-05	.32	.36	SN35-41	—	2.39
580-81	.03	.05	B200	.04	—	B310-13	.57	.55	SN42-60	0.68	—
582-83	.03	.05	B201	.07	—	B318-19	.32	.32	SN68	—	14.18
584-85	.03	.03	B202	.08	—	B320-23	.48	.43	SN69	—	.16
624-61	.91	1.02	B205	.20	—	B324	.08	.08	SN70-74	2.00	2.25
625-64	.43	—	B206	.07	—	B325-26	.17	.16	SN75-79	.55	.50
665-66	.17	—	B209-11	.10	—	SN1-13	1.13	—	SN80	—	.14
667-68	.17	—	B212-14	.14	—	SN13	.10	.18	SN81-83	22	.17
B300	.54	.57	B215	.03	—	SN14-27	2.20	.36	SN84-85	—	.29
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Editor Clare McAlister has started what she calls "The Master Work" — a definitive checklist, profusely annotated and cross-referenced, which will undoubtedly serve as the basic guide in the philatelic world for the Fine Arts as portrayed on stamps.

The publication is the bi-monthly journal of the Fine Arts Unit, American Topical Assn. Annual dues to members already in the A. T. A. is \$1.00 and applications should be forwarded to the secretary, Beatrice M. Berner, 6 Wayland Dr., Verona, N. J., who will also furnish additional information upon request.

**New Aerogramme, Commem From China**

May 20 was the first day of issue for a set of four commems issued by the Nationalist Chinese government situated on the Island of Formosa. They are in honor to the first anniversary of Chiang Kai-shek's inauguration as President of China for a second six-year term.

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